

STEEL TRUST BACK OF T. R., SAYS WILSON

Declares Industrial Commission Would Enable Corporation to Control Country

DENVER, Oct. 7.—"Is there a new deal?" asked Governor Woodrow Wilson in his speeches throughout Colorado today when he charged that the United States Steel corporation and other combinations of capital were seeking to control the government by proposing that monopolies and trusts should be regulated by an industrial commission.

"The old method was campaign contributions; the new method is legalized monopoly," said the governor as he directed his attack on the interests, which, he said, were backing the program of the progressive party. The governor drew attention to the senate investigation by the Clapp committee and said the debate there was centered on which of the "certain privileged groups" had been "more intimate with the two candidates of the republican and progressive parties."

RECEPTION ENTHUSIASTIC

The governor was given a salute of 19 guns when he reached Denver from Pueblo and Colorado Springs, where he spoke during the day. His reception was enthusiastic everywhere.

Referring to the preconvention campaigns of President Taft and former President Roosevelt, the governor said there was "crimination and recrimination in their debate."

"All the while," declared the governor in his Colorado Springs speech, "I was trying to formulate in my mind just what it was they were debating with one another, and as nearly as I could make it out it was this: Which of the two had been the more implicated in the things which had discredited the republican party, and then I asked myself what was it that had discredited, or, at any rate, threatened

credited, or, at any rate, threatened to discredit, the great party which has so long governed this country, and it was perfectly obvious, upon analysis, that these gentlemen were debating which of them had been the more subject to these influences, which we are now aware have created most of the complications which we wish to correct in our economic development.

SENATE INVESTIGATION

"The men who have prompted the great combinations of capital, and the widespread understandings among those who are conducting the industry of this country, which have dominated, not only our business but our politics, are the men whose connections with the two candidates are being most debated. They are being debated yet in the investigation which is going on under the chairmanship of Mr. Clapp of the senate committee in Washington. All of the connection which the gentlemen have had with the privileged interests, which have dominated the development of America; that is the point. So, that underneath lies this feeling, that certain privileged groups have dominated the government of America, otherwise why should they be arguing which had the more intimate connection with the system.

"INTERLACED DIRECTORATES"

"For these gentlemen are not disconnected with one another. They are connected with various branches of the privileged classes in this country, and they are so interlaced in the directorates of banks and railroads and mining companies and manufacturing enterprises and commercial houses, that they constitute a single controlling body. There are some men among them who are members of at least 60 boards of directors of the most important undertakings in the country, and the gentlemen, about 30, I believe, who constitute the directors of the United States Steel corporation are so connected, by being presidents or vice presidents or directors in the railroad corporations of this country, that they control 55 per cent of the railways of the United States.

NOT IMPEACHING MOTIVES

"These are the gentlemen who are now backing the program of the leader of the third party. Mark you, I am not impeaching their motives. I do not consider it my privilege to look into men's hearts and ask why they are doing these things. These gentlemen may intend to do the United States no disservice, but my point is that they are not intending to change in the least essential particular the system of control which has already been established, but are seeking to establish it by a new method. The old method was campaign contributions; the new method is legalized monopoly and the superintendence by the govern-

ment of the very processes by which they have established their predominance over us.

"I was saying to some of my newspaper companions a little while ago that if I were a cartoonist I would draw a picture of the biggest monopolies of the United States, drawn up in line and in front Mr. Roosevelt trying to lead them in a hallelujah chorus.

TRUST BACK OF THIRD PARTY

"It is a very interesting circumstance that the American Steel corporation is behind the third party program as regards the regulation of the trusts. Now I don't want to say that to prejudice you, because I am not here to indict anybody. I am perfectly ready to admit that the officers of the United States Steel corporation think that is the best thing for the United States. My point is, that these gentlemen have grown up in the atmosphere of the things that they themselves have created and which the law of the United States has so far attempted to destroy. And they now want a government which will perpetuate these things they have created.

"The humanitarian part of the third party's program is a sort of chorus which Mr. Roosevelt is trying to teach the trusts to sing, because the fundamental part of the program is that the trusts shall be recognized as a permanent part of our economic order and that the government shall try to make those trusts the ministers, the instruments, through which the life of this country shall be developed on its industrial side."

Colonel Asks for Proof

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Colonel Roosevelt called on Governor Wilson tonight, either to prove or retract his statement today in Pueblo that the United States Steel corporation "is behind the third party program in regard to regulation of the trusts."

"As far as I know," said Colonel Roosevelt, "the statement has not the slightest foundation in fact. Mr. Wilson has no business to make such a statement unless he has the proof, and if he has any proof I demand that he make it public immediately. If he has not, let him retract his statement as the only manly and honorable thing to do.

"As far as I knew, the only big man connected with either the steel corporation or the harvester trust who is supporting me is Mr. Perkins. As far as I know, all the others in both the steel corporation and the harvester trust are supporting either Mr. Taft or Mr. Wilson."